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Washington State Department of Printing ranked most productive in-plant in the nation

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Printing (PRT) is number one in productivity among in-plant printers in the United States according to the December issue of *In-Plant Graphics* (IPG) magazine.

An in-plant is a printing department operated within a company, government office or university.

According to the 2001 IPG "Top 50 In-plants" report, Washington State produced more sales per employee than any other in-house printer, surpassing plants operated by several Fortune 500 companies.

The annual *In-Plant Graphics* "Top 50" is the most complete listing of leading in-house printers in the country. Rankings on the list are determined by an overall score calculated from the annual sales revenue and number of employees at each in-plant.

"The in-plants on our list are models of efficiency," IPG states. "They are extremely cost - conscious and customer-focused. In short, they are not only large, they are extremely well run." Government in-plants make up 26 percent of this year's IPG list, with the balance filled by universities and private industry.

This is the first year Washington State has been included in the IPG Top 50. In addition to ranking first in productivity, PRT is listed in the top 10 in several other important categories, including number of jobs produced each year.

"The Department of Printing is pleased with the recognition we received in the latest issue of *In-Plant Graphics* magazine," said PRT Director George Morton. "Our success is a direct result of hiring and keeping the best employees available in the marketplace today. This excellent workforce will lead the agency to even greater heights in the years to come."

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